Opening of Indian Institute of Information Technology in each State

574. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether to improve the quality and quantity of technical manpower in the country, his Ministry plans to open Indian Institute of Information Technology in each State;

(b) if so, whether the proposal of setting up of 20 institutions, which will be functional from July next year has been approved;

(c) if so, whether Ministry's detailed project will require a funding of Rs. 3700 crore over a period of six years;

(d) if so, whether the proposals have been accepted by Government; and

(e) by what time a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) A proposal is under consideration of Government of India for setting up of new Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) in the country.

(b) to (e) A Detailed Project Report for setting up of Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) has been prepared and is presently under consideration of the Planning Commission for their "in-principle" approval.

Education cess

†575. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 87 per cent of total amount recovered as 2 per cent education cess had been allocated to be spent on education during the year 2005-2006;

(b) if not, the facts thereof and the names of the States and the amount provided to each of the above sector out of this 87 per cent amount; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.